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Gentlemen:

Re: NOTICE OF TENTATIVE APPROVAL - ACT/047/007

Attached is a Notice of Tentative Approval from the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, Department of Natural Resources, State of Utah.

It is requested that this notice be published ONCE ONLY, as soon as possible, but no later than the 6th day of December, 1985. In the event that said notice cannot be published by this date, please notify me immediately by calling 538-5340.

Upon completion of this request, please send proof of publication and statement of cost to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 355 West North Temple, 3 Triad Center, Suite 350, Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203

Sincerely,

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DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
IN AND FOR THE STATE OF UTAH

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IN THE MATTER OF TENTATIVE
APPROVAL OF THE REVISION TO
THE MINING AND RECLAMATION
PLAN SUBMITTED BY CHEVRON
RESOURCES COMPANY,
UINTAH COUNTY, UTAH

* NOTICE OF TENTATIVE APPROVAL
* NO. ACT/047/007
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THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL OPERATORS, TAKERS OF PRODUCTION,
MINERAL AND ROYALTY OWNERS, AND PARTICULARLY ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN SECTIONS 31 AND 32, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, AND IN
SECTIONS 5 AND 6, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST,
UINTAH COUNTY, UTAH.

Notice is hereby given that tentative approval was given by the
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, on November 27, 1985 to Chevron
Resource Company to amend their originally approved surface mining
operations in Sections 31 and 32, Township 2 South, Range 22 East,
and in Sections 5 and 6, Township 3 South, Range 22 East,
Uintah County, Utah to increase capacity of the tailings pond.

The name of the mining operation is the Vernal Phosphate
Operations and the person representing the company is Mr. LeRoy
Fyock, Manila Star Route, Vernal, Utah 84078.

Chevron Resources Company has fulfilled obligations under the
Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975 (Section 40-8, UCA 1953 as
amended) with specific reference to Section 40-8-18 and will employ
the following mining and reclamation techniques on approximately
225 additional acres of fee owned land.

During Operations:

1. The existing tailings dam will be raised 70 feet,
increasing total disturbance on the minesite by 255 acres. Seepage
collection ponds will be constructed below the dam to collect and
pump inflow back to the main tailings pond.

2. Topsoil will be stripped from right-of-ways, the dam
foundation and borrow areas where possible. Topsoil will be stored
and protected from erosion for use in final reclamation of the dam,
seepage ponds and borrow areas.

3. Chevron performs groundwater monitoring down dip from the pond. Monitor wells are measured monthly for depth and water quality analysis is performed semi-annually.

Following Operations:

1. Topsoil will be replaced over the outslope of the tailings dam the regraded seepage collection ponds and the borrow areas. Soil material will be sampled to determine fertilizer requirements immediately prior to placement. These areas will be reseeded with an approved seed mixture.

2. Topsoil will not be replaced over the tailings sands. During the next five years, Chevron will conduct test plots on the sands to determine the best revegetation methods and materials for this area.

3. The tailings dam will be left in a nonimpounding condition by the addition of an emergency spillway.

The plan will be approved with the following stipulations:

Stipulations M-3(2)(e) - LK

1. Seed mix #1 (Page 32 of the December 1982 NPI Revegetation Plan) will be used on the out slopes of the dam.

2. Pending the results of the proposed tailing sands test plots, the operator will prepare and submit for review and approval, a final revegetation plan for reclamation of the tailings. This plan must be submitted within 5 years of implementation of the test plots.

Stipulation M-10(3), (13) - RS

The applicant must obtain approval from the Division at least 120 days prior to abandonment of the facility for designs to ensure that the tailings dam will be non-impounding and self-draining. Designs must be implemented at the site concurrently with final reclamation.

Stipulation M-10(12) - LK

Final test plot design for the tailing sands must be submitted to the Division for review and approval at least 90 days before planned implementation.

Stipulations M-10(14) - JSL

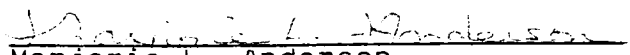
1. A composite sample of the affected borrow material will be analyzed for the parameters approved in the mine plan and results submitted to the Division within 90 days of final permit approval. The objective of this sampling shall be to serve as a basis for final fertilizer recommendations as well as for other amendments such as organic materials.

2. A map delineating the MacIntyre tongue stockpile locations must be submitted 90 days prior to the final placement of said stockpiles. This map will be used to determine the protection and safety of the MacIntyre tongue from compaction, contamination and erosion from water and wind. The operator must submit the approximate aerial extent, dimensions, volume, shape and slope of the stockpiles. Temporarily stockpiled materials must have berms and diversions employed to route surface drainage.

Any person or agency aggrieved by this tentative decision is hereby requested to submit written protest within thirty (30) days of the date of publication to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 355 W. North Temple, 3 Triad Center, Suite 350, Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203, setting forth factual reasons for his or her complaint, and thereafter, at a time and place to be established, appear before the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining to show cause, if any, why this mine plan should not be approved.

DATED this 27th day of November 1985.

STATE OF UTAH
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING


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